The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte CARL JOHAN FRIDDLE, ERIN HILBUN, BRENDA GERHARDT, and C. ALEXANDER TURNER, JR.

Application 09/974,712

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and GRIMES, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

## Per curiam.

On October 20, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On September 20, 2005, appellants filed a communication stating that they were "withdraw[ing] the present appeal . . . without prejudice and without disclaimer in order to pursue claims in a continuing application."

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed October 20, 2003, is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Gary V. Harkcom, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Eric Grimes Administrative Patent Judge **BOARD OF PATENT** 

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